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Subject: Please extend repack cycle from 120 days to 6 months.

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Hi. My name is Gary Consol. I am a parachute rigger (seal #QL5) who feels strongly that the repack cycle on reserve parachutes should be extended to 6 months. The obvious arguments for this belief are in accordance with those proposed by the USPA, parachute riggers, those heavily involved in R & D (manufacturers), and the sport parachuting community as a whole. The powerful arguments revolve around the fact that modern day parachuting has made tremendous advances in the use of materials and workmanship. Since man made fabrics (nylons) are in use it is no longer necessary to open up reserves after such short periods of time.

I hope you will give this issue good consideration.

Thank you.

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